

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 99-849-A)

PATENT # 10/B GND 2.R.D.

In the Application of:

Odile Leroy

Serial No.: 09/423,698

Filing Date: February 10, 2000

For: Multivalent Vaccine Composition

With Mixed Carriers

Examiner: I. Fields

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 15, 2001

Box Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A composition comprising "n" conjugates C1 to Cn, wherein
 - (a) each conjugate comprises
 - (i) a polysaccharide S1 to Sn derived from a Streptococcus pneumoniae serotype/serogroup, respectively, and

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a carrier protein P1 to Pn, respectively;

(b) "n" is a number equal to or greater than 2;

(c) the polysaccharides S1 to Sn are identical or there are from 2 to "n" different polysaccharides; and

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Date: November 15, 2001

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